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Western School of Science and Technology: CFA

Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western

Date and Time
Thursday October 15, 2026 at 8:30 PM

Location
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Notice of Public Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western School of Science and Technology: A Challenge Foundation Academy, Inc.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Western School of Science and Technology: A Challenge Foundation Academy, Inc., and to the general public that the board will hold a meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.3, the Board of Directors may go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, concerning any item on the agenda, for discussion, consideration, or consultations for legal advice.

ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS AGENDA

Disabled persons in need of special accommodations should contact Ms. Nancy Carbajal at 623.249.3900, ncarbajal@wsst.school at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time.

Members of the Governing Board may join in person, by telephone, or by Internet Conference.

Where: **Western School of Science and Technology:**
A Challenge Foundation Academy
6515 W. Indian School Rd.
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When: **Thursday, October 15, 2026, 8:30 am**

The public space will open 10 minutes before the meeting begins. The virtual space will open 5 minutes before the meeting begins.

Directors Present
A. Ballesteros (remote), B. Stratford (remote), D. Ebert (remote), J. Kaprosy (remote), S. Avila (remote)

Directors Absent
E. Yndigoyen

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
D. Ebert

Guests Present
A. Espana, N. Carbajal, Valeria Escobedo

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Kaprosy called a meeting of the board of directors of Western School of Science and Technology: CFA to order on Thursday Oct 15, 2026 at 8:35 AM.

B. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

D. Ebert arrived at 9:00 AM.

C. Public Comments

No Public Comments

D. Read Mission Statement

President J.Kaprosy read the Mission Statement

II. WSST Update

A. Board Update

Mr. Espana presented the Board update.

1. Audit is in progress (More information to come)
2. Preparations for:
    1. AVID Schoolwide Site of Distinction (This Year)
    2. Cognia Accreditation (Next Year)
    3. Charter Renewal (Next Year)

B. Enrollment Update

Mr. Espana presented the enrollment update.

C. Academic Update

In Ms. Escobedo's Academic update she went over testing NAVVY for 7th and 8th Grade students in Nov from ADE. Shared the professional Development teachers and herself.

- ADE Standards Resource Tool (ADEL)
- Professional Learning Community (PLC) support and development training
- AZ Charter School Association Leadership Cohort-Courageous Principals at Deloitte University
- Principals Leadership Academy II

Mr. Espana and Ms. Escobedo also reviewed the updates to the letter grade.

The metrics previously categorized as "bonus points" are being transitioned into standard framework indicators:

- Science Assessment Performance: Science scores (AASA Science for elementary/middle; ACT Science for high schools) are being integrated into core Academic Proficiency metrics.
- Special Education (SPED) Inclusion & Performance: SPED progress and inclusion rates are being built into standard growth and readiness indicators.

- FAFSA Submissions: High school FAFSA completion rates remain tracked inside the 20-point College & Career Readiness (CCRI) indicator rather than earning separate bonus points.

The proficiency increase may cause approximately 10% of schools statewide to see lower letter grade outcomes under the new rules:

- A (Excellent): ~85% – 100% Total Points
- B (Highly Performing): ~72% – 84.99% Total Points
- C (Performing): ~60% – 71.99% Total Points
- D (Minimally Performing): ~50% – 59.99% Total Points
- F (Failing / Improvement Needed): Below ~50% Total Points or bottom 5% statewide

D. Staffing Update

Ms. Escobedo presented the Staffing update

III. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of September 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western on 09-10-26.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Action Items #1

A. Discussion and Consideration of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)

B. Stratford made a motion to Approve the FY26 Annual Financial Report (AFR).
A. Ballesteros seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Stratford	Aye
D. Ebert	Aye
S. Avila	Aye
E. Yndigoyen	Absent
J. Kaprosy	Aye
A. Ballesteros	Aye

B. Discussion and Consideration add Sandra Avila to the Arizona Corporation Commission as one of the Directors

A. Ballesteros made a motion to approve adding Sandra Avila to the Arizona Corporation Commission as one of the Directors.
B. Stratford seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

President J. Kaprosy shared that he has scheduled several upcoming school tours with representatives from national organizations focused on supporting schools. He encouraged Board members to identify opportunities to invite outside organizations and community partners to visit WSST. An incoming legislator is also expected to visit the school.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Kaprosy